

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A tool (~~1; 101; 201~~) for removing ticks (~~15~~) and other like parasites from the skin (~~16~~), which tool has an engagement part (~~2; 102; 202; 302~~) with a bottom face (~~12; 312~~) and a top face (~~14; 314~~), wherein a V-shaped groove (~~4; 104; 204; 304~~) is provided that has side faces (~~11; 311~~) between the bottom face and the top face at an edge (~~5~~) of the engagement part (~~2; 102; 202; 302~~), which side edges (~~11; 311~~) converge towards each other from an outer opening at the edge (~~5~~) towards an internal assembly point (~~6; 306~~), said V-shaped groove (~~4; 104; 204; 304~~) being wider at the top face (~~14; 314~~) of the engagement part (~~2; 102; 202; 302~~) than it is at the underside (~~12; 312~~), wherein characterised in that a considerable portion of each side face (~~11; 311~~) of the V-shaped groove (~~4; 104; 204; 304~~) between the underside (~~12; 312~~) and the top face (~~14; 314~~) of the engagement part (~~2; 102; 202; 302~~) is constituted by a concave engagement face (~~13; 313~~), and wherein at the bottom of the V-shaped groove a cutter blade is provided in level with the bottom face.
2. (Original) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that a lowermost part of the concave engagement face (~~13; 313~~) is essentially in parallel with the bottom face (~~12; 312~~).
3. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that the concave shape of the concave engagement face (~~13~~) is formed by a continuously curved line segment.
4. (Original) A tool according to claim 3, characterised in that the concave shape of the concave engagement face (~~13~~) is formed by a drawing of a circle.

5. (Previously amended) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that the concave shape of the concave engagement face ~~(13)~~ is formed by number of straight lines.

6. (Previously amended) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that each side face ~~(11; 311)~~ comprises a lowermost part ~~(11 a, 11 b; 311 a)~~ that extends essentially perpendicularly from the bottom face ~~(12; 312)~~ and is connected to the concave engagement face ~~(13; 313)~~.

7. (Original) A tool according to claim 6, characterised in that, at least for a distance, the lowermost part ~~(11 a, 11 b; 311 a)~~ of the side face ~~(11; 311)~~ is increasing in height, seen from the edge ~~(5)~~ to the assembly point ~~(6; 306)~~.

8. (Original) A tool according to claim 7, characterised in that the lowermost part ~~(11 a, 11 b; 311 a)~~ of the side face ~~(11; 311)~~ has a constant low height a distance from the edge into the V-shaped groove ~~(4; 104; 204; 304)~~.

9. (Currently amended) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that an innermost part of ~~the~~ lowermost part ~~(11 b)~~ of the side face ~~(11)~~ is provided with parallel side faces.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises a holder part ~~(3)~~ provided with an upwardly protruding transverse beam ~~(7)~~ for supporting a thumb.
12. (Previously amended) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises a holder part ~~(103)~~ provided with an indentation ~~(107)~~ for supporting a thumb.
13. (Previously amended) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises a holder part ~~(203)~~ provided with a ribbed area ~~(207)~~ for supporting a thumb.
14. (Previously amended) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises at least one recess ~~(8; 108; 208a, 208b)~~ at the edge in support of at least one finger.
15. (Previously amended) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in being plate- shaped.
16. (Original) A tool according to claim 15, characterised in that at least one recess ~~(10; 110; 210)~~ is provided in the area between the engagement part ~~(2; 102; 202)~~ and the holder part ~~(3; 103; 203)~~.
17. (Previously amended) A tool according to claim 15, characterised in that the largest outer dimension of the tool corresponds essentially to the dimensions of a credit card.